**Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church**
**March 13, 2016 — Fifth Sunday in Lent**
**Holy Eucharist, Rite I — 10:00 A.M.**

**The Word of God**
The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all devices.

**GATHERING MUSIC** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. M. Cowen
Lenten Meditation arr. Robin Benton

**PROCESSION** (In observance of Lent, the choir and clergy will process in silence.)

**HYMNAL #441** In the Cross of Christ I Glory RATHBUN

**OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**
Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins:
People God’s mercy endureth for ever.

**PENTENTIAL ORDER** Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 319
Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
(Please remain standing or kneel as able.)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not loved our God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
the only Son of God, e
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our heart may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen. (Please be seated after the Collect.)

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 43:16-21 (seated)

The reading may be followed in the pew Bible on page 659.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 126** (sung by all) Tone IV. 2

Cantor 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of / Zion, * (pause at *)

All then were we like / those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with / laughter, *

and our tongue with / shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the / nations, *

"The Lord has done great / things for them."

4 The Lord has done great / things for us, *

and we are / glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, / O Lord, *

like the watercourses of / the Negev.

6 Those who sowed / with tears *

will reap with / songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying / the seed, *

will come again with joy, shoulder-ing / their sheaves. (slow at end)

**KYRIE ELEISON** S-89 (front section of hymnal) James McGregor

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

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**SECOND READING** Philippians 3:3b-14

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People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 12:1-8

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People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
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and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
his suffering death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**ANTHEM** How Can I Keep From Singing? Lowry / Shaw

My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the sweet though far-off hymns, that bails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing:
it finds an echo in my soul: How can I keep from singing?
What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.
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The Holy Communion
All are invited to share at the Lord’s table. At the altar rail you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. The common loaf is gluten-free.

Offertory Sentence
Eia, Mater from Stabat Mater  Antonín Dvořák
Eia Mater, fons amoris, me sentire vim doloris, Fac ut tecum lugeam.
(Ad, Mother, fount of love, let me feel the force of grief, that I may grieve with you.)

Presentation
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
(Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.)

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer II
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, …
By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Lord’s Prayer
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Distribution
The gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music
Hymn #678 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me (verse 1, solo)  C. OF PREACHERS
Hymn #498 Beneath the Cross of Jesus  ST. CHRISTOPHER
Hymn #313 Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured  JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT
Hymn #325 Let Us Break Bread  Traditional Spiritual